

A bill authored by Rep. Peter Welch to prevent the government of Afghanistan from taxing American companies delivering aid to the war-torn country will come before the U.S. House tomorrow.

Welch's bill has been incorporated into the FY2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which sets the budget and expenditures for the Department of Defense.

"It is absurd for the Afghan government to suggest taxing America's effort to rebuild their country," Welch said. "While that may make sense in Hamid Karzai's world, it makes no sense to the American taxpayer."

Written by Welch and Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.), The Stop Taxing American Assistance to Afghanistan Act (H.R. 936) would bar future assistance to Afghanistan unless U.S. contractors and subcontractors delivering aid are exempt from taxation by the government of Afghanistan.

Welch wrote the bill after [it was reported](#) that the Afghan government was sending overdue tax bills to U.S. contractors working in the country and threatening to arrest personnel or confiscate goods if those contractors refused to pay.

The NDAA is expected to be on the floor Wednesday.